

"By the senate, December 10, 1802: Read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendments.

"By order,

J. B. DUCKETT, clk."

Which amendments were read the first and second time, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed. And the resolution in favour of John Harwood, and others, endorsed; "By the senate, December 8, 1802: "Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

J. B. DUCKETT, clk.

"By the senate, December 10, 1802: Read the second time and assented to with the proposed amendment.

"By order,

J. B. DUCKETT, clk."

Which amendment was read the first and second time, agreed to, and the resolution ordered to be engrossed.

The bill to prevent slaves hiring themselves, or acting as free, and to repeal the act of assembly therein mentioned, was read the second time and passed with the following amendments.

Amendments proposed. In the tenth line of the first page strike out the word "forty" and insert the words "twenty-five." In the same line and page after the word "dollars" insert the words "and the like fine shall be paid by the persons hiring any such slave, or negro or mulatto." After the word "court" in the second line from the bottom of the first page insert the words "or before a single magistrate." After the word "constable" in the twelfth line of the second page insert the words "or any other person." In the ninth line of the third page strike out the word "forty" and insert the words "twenty-five."

The house adjourns till Monday morning 9 o'clock.

M O N D A Y, December 13, 1802.

THE house met. Present the same members as on Saturday. The proceedings of Saturday were read. Mr. Thompson, Mr. Moore and Mr. Grahame, appeared in the house.

The bill to prevent slaves hiring themselves, or acting as free, and to repeal the act of assembly therein mentioned, was sent to the senate by the clerk.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore county, praying an act may pass enforcing the act passed last session for laying out a road from the city of Baltimore to Hagar's-town, and that a provision may be made for defraying the expences of the commissioners appointed for that purpose, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Dickson, Mr. Stansbury and Mr. Moore, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Queen-Anne's county, praying an act may pass for laying out a public road in said county, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Thompson, Mr. Purnell and Mr. Orrell, to consider and report thereon.

A memorial from Samuel T. Wright and Charles S. Sewell, of Queen-Anne's county, counter to the petition of sundry inhabitants of said county, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on the petition to which it is counter.

Mr. Orrell, from the committee, delivers to the speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry inhabitants of Caroline county, praying a law directing the elections to be held at Denton, in Caroline county, as formerly, beg leave to report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and find the prayer of the petitioners to be repugnant to the provisions of the constitution, and therefore cannot be granted.

By order,

L. GASSAWAY, clk.

Which was read the first and second time and concurred with.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to establish a place for holding elections in the third district in Caroline county, and to repeal the act of assembly therein mentioned. ORDERED, That Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Orrell and Mr. Goldsborough, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On motion, the question was put, That the consideration of the order of the day for taking into consideration the report of the committee appointed to confer with the committee of the Susquehanna canal company, be postponed for two hours? Determined in the negative.

On motion, ORDERED, That the said report be withdrawn and the committee discharged.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to make navigable the river Susquehanna. ORDERED, That Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Dashiell, Mr. Van-Horn, Mr. Sheredine and Mr. Harwood, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

A petition from James Dickinson, of Caroline county, praying an act of insolvency, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

Mr. Hatcheson, from the committee, delivers to the speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the memorial of Philip Reed, of Kent county, report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and, from an attentive examination of the several accounts and vouchers produced by your memorialist, find a balance due to him from the state of Maryland of fifty pounds five shillings and one penny; they therefore submit the following resolution:

RESOLVED,